

# School board opposes Loop 202 alignment

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The Kyrene School District governing board has taken a stance against the proposed South Mountain Freeway route along Pecos Road in Ahwatukee Foothills, saying it would negatively affect students at nearby campuses.

"We go on record as saying it's not good for our schools," board member Rae Waters said.

Under the proposed route, the freeway would run along the Pecos Road alignment and cut through South Mountain Park. The school board is encouraging all parties to find an alternative route.

The board's resolution said four of the district's elementary schools and one middle school would be directly affected by the proposed Loop 202 freeway alignments to Pecos Road.

"The exhaust fumes from the traffic on the proposed freeway would have detrimental effects on the health of Kyrene students. The increased noise would be detrimental to learning," the resolution said. "The probable increase in traffic along Liberty Lane would pose a safety hazard to three schools."